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Onion Festival celebrates Soldier, local partnership

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Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division's 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team marched their brigade's Colors through downtown Glennville to the beat of the Division Band and the applause of local residents.

Led by Vanguard Brigade Commander, Col. Lou Lartigue, the 4th IBCT Color Guard and 3rd ID Band took part in the 33rd annual Glennville Sweet Onion Festival, May 9.

"Today was an excellent opportunity for Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield and the 3rd Infantry Division to show their pride in being part of a community that's celebrating exactly that, their community," Col. Lartigue said.

"Events like this are great for both the local community and the military community to share in the feeling of support and camaraderie that we have in building an environment that allows our Soldiers to live and prosper both on and off duty, while they're deployed or at home, and that cares for their Family."

The day started off with an early morning run. Prior to the parade, the Sweet Onion Run and Walk gave Soldiers and community members the chance to com-



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pete in a one-mile and a five-kilometer race. Following the parade, the Vanguard Color Guard opened the event's festivities with a ceremonial Casing of the Colors.

This year's event marks the 33rd year in which the 3rd ID and Fort Stewart have

supported the Glennville Sweet Onion Festival by providing division leadership, a Color Guard and marching band. When the Marne Division is deployed, rear detachments step up and show their sup-

The festival, held every second Saturday of May, celebrates the harvesting of the famous Vidalia sweet onion crop. The crops harvested from Tattnall County contribute to approximately half of the state's crop each year.

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2nd Lt. Cathy Zimmerman

703rd Soldiers head outdoors

Specialist Courtney Kellar Courtney and Spc. Elizabeth Mason, both with the 703rd BSB, assist with an egg race on Field day at Liberty Elementary School, May 8. The day's events included the 50-meter dash, sack race, hoola hoop contest, and a jump rope contest.

Exhibit to honor fallen Soldiers

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A workshop teaching participants how to create figurative sculpture for display in the "Remembrance: A Memorial" exhibit honoring fallen service members from Iraq and Afghanistan wars, is scheduled for two sessions, 4-6 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Fort Stewart Youth Center, May 19.

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growing exhibit," she added.

The Stewart workshop is open to all ages. Children seven-years-old and younger need a parent or guardian to assist with the creation.

The "Community Through Art" exhibit will be open 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Club Stewart, June 30. For additional information about the workshop or presentation, contact Marline Parker at (912) 767-4316.

The exhibit can be seen at the Coastal Georgia Center, 305 Fahm St., in Savannah, Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., May 22 to June 30. For more information about the exhibit, contact Mindy Anderson at (912) 652-5450, or go to www.remembrance-memorial.org.

Kessler students soar in cyber science fair

Jessica Obermeyer
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Long gone are the days of science fairs held in gymnasiums with fluorescent lights shining down on overflowing vinegar-baking soda volcanoes. In this age of Blackberries, iPods and YouTube, science fairs have found their way on to the world-wide Web, allowing students from all over the world to compete against each other.

On May 1, a group of Kessler Elementary students, aptly named the "Soaring Eagles," were awarded top score in the 6th grade southeast region in the subcategory "innovation, originality and creativity" in one such virtual science fair.

eCybermission, is a national, Web-based science, math and technology competition for middle and high school students, sponsored by the Army. The free competition, which kicked off in 2002, encourages students to compete regionally and nationally, while helping to solve problems in their community.

"Although this program has been around six years, this is our first year to compete," said Mitch Finley, an educational technologist at Kessler Elementary School.

Finley, who is the computer specialist for 5th and 6th grade, said after finding out about eCybermission, he formed three groups of four students based on who needed additional projects to finish the school year. Team Soaring Eagles included 6th grade students Lauren Prox, Lisa DeLaCruz, Tatyana Puig, and Chelsea Smith.

The foursome admitted

that they initially argued over the project topic. Suggestions were made by their teachers, including "how long it takes for diapers to decompose," but ultimately it was the suggestion of one team member's mother who brought the team into agreement.

"My mom was watching a news program that talked about how flushing medication down the toilet wasn't

safe for the environment," said Lauren. "At first, I wasn't sure about the idea, but after awhile we all got into it."

Teammate Lisa explained that flushing medication down the toilet was dangerous because it can contaminate the water.

"It also can mix with other drugs and can cause a drug that is unsafe for anyone to drink," she said.

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Jessica Obermeyer

Lisa DeLaCruz and Lauren Prox view their eCybermission logs online at Kessler Elementary School library. The girls were part of "Soaring Eagles" who placed in a virtual science fair.



MWR Briefs

Figurative sculpture workshop offered

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Marline Parker at 767-4316. For more information about the exhibit, go to www.remembrance-memorial.org.

Cypress Springs waterpark opening

All the fun of a new season starts May 20 at The Springs at Cypress Creek spray park located adjacent to building 448. The season continues through Sept. 30.

The spray park is open from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily for children up to 12-years-old. There is a \$1 per person cost and parental/adult supervision is required.

Swimmers are required for all children not potty trained. Call 767-9884 for more information.

Poetry, writing class open for adults

A special poetry/writing class will meet from 7-8 p.m. at George P. Hays Library, building 411, May 21. Join fellow adult readers, be introduced to new authors and participate in book discussions. Books are provided for club members' use. Spaces are limited. For more information, call 767-2828.

Outdoor pools opening

Celebrate the start of the summer pool season with the Summer Splash 09 Outdoor Pool Openings, May 23.

Hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Corkan and Bryan Village Outdoor Pools at Stewart. Call 767-3033 for more information.

The hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Hunter Outdoor Pool, adjacent to building 6015. For more information, call 315-2019.

Various activities are scheduled throughout the day. There will be a cookout and an opportunity to

purchase 2009 season pool passes. There is no charge to participate in the opening.

Open to all DoD ID cardholders. Guests of authorized users are invited.

Corkan to hold mini Indy 500 race

Tune up your radio-controlled car and get ready to race from 8-9 p.m. at Cypress Creek Adventure (Mini) Golf, building 448, May 24. The race is Corkan's version of the Indy 500.

The cost is \$2 per entrant. The best-time winner will be awarded a Corkan Family Pass, valued at \$70. There is no charge for spectators.

Call 767-6708 for more information.

Sign up for summer reading program

Sign up at 3:30 p.m. for the Summer Reading Program at George P. Hays Library, building 411, May 27. Children receive reading list, special book bags, etc. for the program. For more information, call 767-2828.

Come to movie, moonlite skating

Let's mix your favorites with movie and skating from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449, May 29.

The \$5 per person cost includes skate rental. Kids, remember to bring Mom and Dad with you. For details, call 767-9884.

Deep sea fishing trip deadline approaching

The registration deadline is May 30 for the deep sea fishing trip scheduled from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m., July 25.

The group will depart early morning from the Stewart Leisure Travel office, building 443, for Lazaretto Creek, Savannah. Fish approximately 30 miles off the Georgia coast for barracuda, sea bass, shark, and snapper. Participants must have a Georgia fishing license, which can be obtained at the Pass & Permit Office.

The \$175 per person cost includes pole and bait, plus transportation to marina. A small cooler with lunch, snacks and drinks is allowed. For details, call 767-8609.

Youth drawing contest sign-up open

The registration deadline is June 3 for children ages 2-15 to enter the Junior Wildlife Drawing Contest. Entries may be submitted at the Stewart or Hunter Pass and Permit offices.

All entries will be displayed and first, second and third-place winners will be announced at the Stewart Youth Fishing Derby on June 6. Entry fee \$5 per person. For details, call 435-8033.

Looking for a good home...

Pets of the Week



India the cat
&
Luke the puppy

are two of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



Hunter observes National Day of Prayer

Kaytrina Curtis
Hunter Public Affairs

Observers came to the Hunter Army Airfield main chapel to honor the 58th Annual National Day of Prayer, May 7. Those in attendance offered prayers in an informal setting outside the chapel.

The day was created in 1952 by joint resolution by the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman as a way for people of different faiths to gather and

pray for the nation.

Each year the observance is held the first Thursday in May.

Hunter post Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ken Godfrey said many people believe that God has had a hand in the history of the nation and want to acknowledge Him and ask for His blessings on the country.

"It's a great privilege for us to gather outside and for people of all faiths to gather and lift up our prayers to the Lord," said Chap. Godfrey.

Many in attendance offered prayers for fallen Soldiers, their Families, the nation and for today's youth.

One Soldier in attendance, Spc. Brian Hackbarth, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, said the past few months have been rough.

He said the best remedy for his problems has been to turn to God in prayer.

"When you feel like you are being a little overwhelmed and things are just getting to you, it's just a really good feel-

ing to know that there's a higher being who is there," Spc. Hackbarth said.

Specialist Hackbarth also said he doesn't feel he has room for complaints in his life.

He said he has a shirt on his back, food in his stomach, a job, a good Family and he is loved.

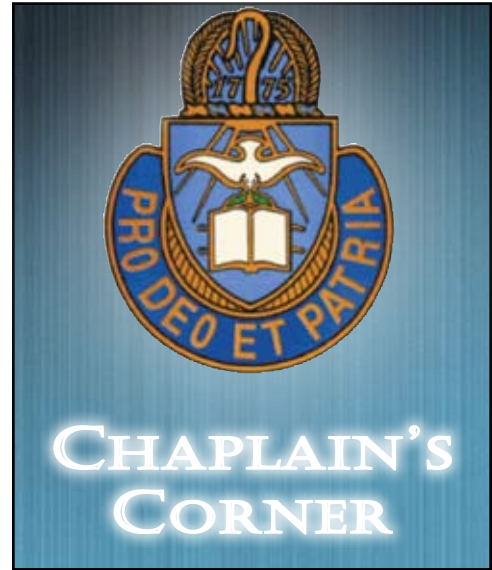
"One of the cool things about having a chaplain and being in the military is that I will always have someone I can go to with my faith," he said.



Kaytrina Curtis

Soldiers, civilians and Family Members stand silent as Hunter Army Airfield Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ken Godfrey leads the 58th Annual National Day of Prayer observance at the Hunter main chapel, May 7.

Clearing up some religious misconceptions



Chaplain (Capt.) Andrew Shulman
4/3 Avn., 3rd CAB

There are many misconceptions people have about spirituality.

Some say religion takes the fun out of life. Well, we often refer to God as our "Father in Heaven." Just as our parents want us to have everything that is good, the Almighty wants the same for us – to get as much out of life as we possibly can.

The Bible contains the instructions for living. Computers come with big, fat instruction manuals and without them we'd be lost. Life's a lot more complicated than a computer, and if we want to make the most of it, a set

of instructions can really make a difference.

God doesn't ask us to pray because He needs an ego stroke, or ask us to give to those less fortunate because He gets a kickback. The Bible is there to teach us how to build a life of meaning and maximize pleasure. We should make sure we get the premium – the kind of fulfillment that lasts.

Sometimes, we'll meet a religious-seeming person who looks down at everyone less religious than him. He can be condescending and judgmental. Why should a person think he's good enough to judge someone else? Tradition teaches, "Nobody knows

whose blood is redder." No one can judge the worth of another person because no one knows where another person is situated on the ladder of life – where he began and how many rungs he has climbed. Perhaps a thief, given his life's circumstances, is making greater, more difficult life choices than the most inspirational preacher.

So if you're having doubts about learning how to increase the amount of spirituality in your life, let's put aside the misconceptions for now and give it a try.

Contact your unit chaplain to find out how!

Chapel Schedule		
Fort Stewart		
Catholic	Location	Time
Saturday Vigil Mass	Main Post Chapel	5 p.m.
Sunday Mass	Main Post Chapel	9 a.m.
Protestant		
Contemporary Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Main Post	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	11 a.m.
Kids' Church	Diamond Elementary	11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	Main Post Chapel	9:30 a.m.
Islamic		
Friday Jum'ah	Marne	1:30 p.m.
Contact Yahya Hassan at 876-5546.		
Jewish		
Friday	Marne	11:30 a.m.
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 980-9295.		
Latter-Day Saints		
Sunday	220 Sandy Run Drive, Hinesville	9 a.m.
Hunter Army Airfield		
Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	11 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Chapel	9 a.m.

Kids Church

Where God rocks

10:45 a.m. to noon, Sunday
at Stewart School Age Services, across from
Diamond Elementary; or at Hunter Chapel
Fellowship Hall, Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

For all kids Grade K-5

Fort Stewart bus pick-up

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Main Post Chapel

For more information, email
fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com.

Fort Stewart Chapel

Youth Ministry

Junior and Senior High School Students!

Join us for
free games and pizza

Sunday • 6-8 p.m.
at the Stewart Youth Activity Center, building 7338.

For more information,
[contact jerry.e.thompson@comcast.net](mailto:jerry.e.thompson@comcast.net)
or call 877-7207

Bible study at Kelley Hill Chapel

Bible study is held at the Kelley Hill Chapel, Fort Benning, Ga., at 7 p.m. every Thursday.

Free pizza and drinks are provided at the event.

"This study is an excellent way for Soldiers to figure out who Jesus is and how they can follow him," Bean said.

For more information you can call Bean at (706)464-6426 or e-mail him at bean375@hotmail.com.

Australia, reviewed

Sasha McBrayer
Frontline Contributor

It took me three days to watch "Australia" on DVD. This is not an exaggeration. I did not see the epic romance in theatres. I was busy watching "Quantum of Solace" and then "Twilight" (a few times, I'll admit). When the movie was somewhat poorly received, it kept me

away. Still, I am a great fan of Hugh Jackman, all things Australian and, of course, that wonderful weirdo Baz Luhrmann. So, I eventually caved. The film wasn't really what I was expecting. However, the sweet and sour epic is pretty fun to watch, as long as you've got the time.

If you don't recognize the name Baz Luhrmann, you may not be a fan of his work. He is the Australian director, writer and producer who birthed such cult romances as "Romeo and Juliet" and "Moulin Rouge." If you aren't a Luhrmann lover, it might be his over-the-top musical flair that turns you off. Though Australia was a labor of love for the filmmaker, it is sure to be less loved than his previous two romances. Thankfully this film, unlike the previous two, is not a musical. Luhrmann limits himself to very economically and precisely using an



"Over the Rainbow" motif instead of having his actors break into song. He does, however, open the film with humorous caricatures of his characters. Jackman as "Drover" is brash, tan and sweaty. Nicole Kidman as "Lady Sarah Ashley," the wealthy British landowner come Down Under for the first time, is proper, pale and disgusted. I would attack the film for the clichés,

over-dramatic styling of the pair, but some of their interactions are laugh-out-loud hilarious.

In fact, it seems fitting now that it took three sittings to view the entire movie because the adventure can be split into three well-meaning parts. Part one sets up the plot and characters and is a comedy. Part two is a romance akin to "Out of Africa." Part three is "Pearl Harbor," almost literally, and quite heightened drama.

So, I leave it to you to decide whether the film is a mess — packed with way too much, from the plight of mixed Aboriginal children, to magic, to war, to cattle driving, to true love, humor and wicked villains — or if the stew tastes just right.

My favorite ingredient of the stew was Brandon Walters and his portrayal of "Nullah," a mixed child and the film's focus. He is simply captivating.



PRESENTS TODAY THROUGH APRIL

Fast and Furious

Today — 7 p.m.

(Vin Diesel, Paul Walker)

When a crime brings them back to L.A., fugitive ex-con Dom Toretto re-ignites his feud with agent Brian O'Conner. But as they are forced to confront a shared enemy, Dom and Brian must give in to an uncertain new trust if they hope to outmaneuver him. And from convoy heists to precision tunnel crawls across international lines, two men will find the best way to get revenge: push the limits of what's possible behind the wheel.

Rated PG-13 (drug references, language, intense sequences of violence, intense sequences of action, sexual content), 107 min.

Knowing

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.

(Lara Robinson, Nicolas Cage)

In 1958, as part of the dedication ceremony for a new elementary school, a group of students is asked to draw pictures to be stored in a time capsule. But one mysterious girl fills her sheet of paper with rows of apparently random numbers instead. Fifty years later, a new generation of students examines the capsule's contents and the girl's cryptic message ends up in the hands of young Caleb Koestler. But it is Caleb's father who makes the startling discovery that the encoded message predicts with pinpoint accuracy the dates, death tolls and coordinates of every major disaster of the past 50 years. *Rated PG-13 (for disaster sequences, disturbing images and brief strong language), 121 min.*

Observe and Report

Sunday — 7 p.m.

(Seth Rogen, Ray Liotta)

At the Forest Ridge Mall, head of security Ronnie Barnhardt patrols his jurisdiction with an iron fist, combating skateboarders, shoplifters and the occasional unruly customer while dreaming of the day when he can swap his flashlight for

a badge and a gun. His delusions of grandeur are put to the test when the mall is struck by a flasher. Driven to protect and serve the mall and its patrons, Ronnie seizes the opportunity to showcase his underappreciated law enforcement talents on a grand scale, hoping his solution of this crime will earn a coveted spot at the police academy and the heart of his elusive dream girl Brandi, the hot make-up counter clerk who won't give him the time of day. But his single-minded pursuit of glory launches a turf war with the equally competitive Detective Harrison of the Conway Police, and Ronnie is confronted with the challenge of not only catching the flasher, but getting him before the real cops do. *Rated R (pervasive language, graphic nudity, drug use, sexual content and violence), 86 min.*

Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069 or go to www.aafes.com/ems/conus/stewart.htm.



Winn Brief

Get school health screenings

Children ages four and older entering the Georgia school system for the first time must have the Georgia Certificate of Eye, Ear and Dental Screening form and the Georgia Certificate of Immunization completed. Winn Army Community Hospital and Tuttle Army Health Clinic want to help you get a head start on preparing for the next school year. School health screening at Winn and will be by appointment only, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 13, and will include hearing screening, vision screening, dental exams and immunizations administration. Tuttle's school health screening will be by appointment only, from 8 a.m. to noon, June 13, and will include hearing screening, vision screening, dental exams and immunizations administration. To schedule an appointment at Winn or Tuttle call, 435-6633 or 1-800-652-9221. Please bring ID card and child's shot records

Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Live Oak Libraries offer many programs

All Live oak Public Library Branches will be closed May 25 for Memorial Day Observance.

Preschool Storytime

Join us for stories, songs and more at 10:30 a.m., Monday at Liberty Branch Library in Hinesville. For children ages 3-4.

Tree Tots Storytime

Join us for stories, songs and more, at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday at Liberty Branch Library. For children ages 1-2.

Computer Practic Sessions

Come and practice all of the things that you have learned in the past computer classes or were afraid to try alone at home. All skill levels are welcome. A practice session will be held at 10:30 a.m., May 21 at Liberty Branch Library. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

Introduction to Word

Liberty Branch Library will be offering a beginner's course on using Microsoft Word, word processing software, at 7 p.m., May 19, and at 10:30 a.m., May 28. Learn how to create, print, and save a document. Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows or equivalent. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

Jesup arts and crafts nights are ongoing

The South Georgia Gourd Patch, in affiliation with the Wayne County Arts Council, the Georgia Gourd Society and the American Gourd Society, invite community members for an evening of arts and crafts at Cracker Williams Recreation Park in Jesup every third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information, call 294-7394 or e-mail catsewg@bellsouth.net.

Low Country Paintball waives fees

Low Country Paintball invites community members to enjoy paintball by waiving all-day greens fees and gun rental fees for active-duty military during the first weekend of each month.

Players can enjoy more than 150 guns across 63 acres. Group rates are available. For more information, call 663-2314.

3rd ID Society reunion slated

The 3rd Infantry Division Society and attached units in wars and in peacetime will hold their 90th reunion, Sept. 16-20. The reunion will be held at the Clarion Hotel Springfield, 3333 S. Glenstone Ave. Springfield, Mo., 65804; (417) 883-6500. Room rates are \$84 per night plus tax and includes breakfast and free airport

transportation.

For additional information, contact Linda Irvine at (360) 663-2521, info@thereunionbrat.com.

StoryCorps is coming

The Georgia Historical Society and the Telfair Museum of Art are partnering with Georgia Public Broadcasting and local GPB station WSVH to bring StoryCorps, the nation's largest oral history project to Savannah.

StoryCorps travels the country collecting the oral histories of friends and loved ones, one conversation at a time. For more information, go to www.storycorps.net.

Patriotic Concert coming to Hinesville

Patriotic Concert rehearsals will be held 7 p.m., Tuesdays at Brewton-Parker Auditorium, off of U.S. 84 in Hinesville.

The Community Chorus will be presenting a Patriotic Concert on July 7. There will also be local area talent performing in the concert. If you would like to perform as a soloist or group, sign up now by e-mailing lcca.mass.choir@bellsouth.net or calling 912-977-3432. The concert will be free for the community. Military and Family Members are invited to participate.

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The Sweet Onion Fest featured attractions for all age groups, including an opportunity for community members to feast on hamburgers, hotdogs,

snow cones, cotton candy and crowd favorite sweet onion rings.

The festival also included rides and games for children, including face painting, rock climbing, reverse bungee jumping, pony rides, a giant slide, a carousel bounce house and a goldfish game.

Corporal James Vaughn, assigned to Company A, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th IBCT and member of the 4th IBCT Color Guard, said the event was well worth waking up early for.

"It's nice to always go somewhere where you are appreciated," he said. "It makes you feel good

about being a Soldier. To see the smiles on the kid's faces and waving to them and talking to them a little bit, I think makes it all worth it."

Tattnall County has partnered with the Vanguard Brigade to help foster good community relations with the Soldiers.

"The community here is very supportive of the military and likes to share in their good times with the military when they have the opportunity," Col. Lartigue said. "Our participation here is a way to thank (the community) back."



Photos by Spc. Amanda McBride

LEFT: Private First Class Brooks Stovall, assigned to 3/7 Inf., 4th IBCT, posts the Colors during a ceremonial Casing of the Colors at the 33rd annual Glennville Sweet Onion Festival, May 9.

RIGHT: Marne Soldiers, led by Vanguard Brigade Commander Col. Lou Lartigue, march in the 33rd annual Glennville Sweet Onion Festival, May 9.



Spc. Monica K. Smith

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Ault (far left), commander of 4-3 Avn., stands with volunteers from the 4/3 Avn., family readiness group during a volunteer appreciation night at the chapel on Hunter Army Airfield, May 8.

CAB volunteers honored at Hunter

Spc. Monica K. Smith
CAB Public Affairs

It isn't just Soldiers who are asked to serve their country. Family Members often take up the responsibility of serving others as was evident during 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment's volunteer appreciation ceremony at the chapel on Hunter Army Airfield, May 7.

"We want to recognize and show our appreciation to all of our volunteers," said Kristi Ault, wife of Lt. Col. Robert Ault, commander of 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment. "The (Family Readiness Group) wouldn't be as strong without them."

The ceremony recognized 17 people

who served in each of the battalion's companies in addition to volunteers from Cookin' Angles, a group who donates cookies and baskets to the battalion. Together the volunteers keep information flowing about the unit while they are deployed but also takes care of the Families while the Soldiers are away with phone calls, emails and events.

"I remember how overwhelming it was being new to the military and how confused I was," said Melissa McPike, wife of Chief Warrant Officer Chad McPike of Company C, 4/3 Avn. "Being able to help someone who feels alone now means a lot to me. I want to try and help them as best as I can."

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Finley said that while he was available as a resource and to help schedule time to meet and use computers, the team really was self-sufficient.

"Once they committed to a topic, they took off," he said.

Through interviews with Winn Army Community Hospital pharmacists, the girls discovered that the proper way to dispose of medications is to place them in an airtight container filled with coffee grounds. The medications will eventually breakdown in the coffee and no longer pose a threat. The girls said they were surprised to learn the other manner of disposal.

"You can take your medications back to the pharmacy," said Lisa. "They have a burn box and once it gets to a certain point, they burn all of the medications. It's pretty cool."

The team submitted their work through eCybermission's Web site. They logged in and submitted their information and then electronically signed each posting.

Teams from around the U.S. and Germany competed in this annual event. To be eligible to compete, students had to be in 6th through 9th grade and belong to a U.S. school, Department of Defense Education Activity school abroad,

or a U.S.-based home school. Students were required to create a topic from one of the following categories: arts and entertainment, environment, health and safety, or sports and recreation.

The judging, which was all done online, was based on the team's application of science, math, and technology; innovation, originality and creativity; overall benefit to the community; and collaboration and communication. Ultimately, the judges wanted to see how the teams worked together, how they overcame conflict, and how they helped their community.

The Soaring Eagles said they had plenty of assistance from around the installation. They received letters from the Director of the Safety Department as well as a letter from the Stewart-Hunter Installation Garrison Commander, Col. Todd Buchs, who wrote a letter to all three of the Kessler teams.

The teams began their project last October and finished in February, with the regional judging reaching completion in April. First place teams from each region and grade will go on to a national competition to be held the end of June.

Asked for parting thoughts on flushing medications down the toilet, the girls responded in unison: "Don't do it!"

Army Community Service



Welcome to the Army Community Service Family Page. Our mission is to provide services to support readiness of Soldiers, their Families, and communities to promote self-reliance, resiliency, and stability. We offer training classes, support groups, and Family advocacy programs. Services are offered to active-duty, retired, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers and their Family Members, regardless of branch of service. Department of Defense Civilian Employees are also eligible for most services, as are their Family Members. ACS is a member of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Family, proudly serving America's military.

For information or to register for programs at Fort Stewart, please call 767-5058/5059. For information and registration at Hunter Army Airfield, please call 315-6816.

Services offered for disability-related needs

Parents with children from birth to age are invited to attend the Community-Wide Parent Extravaganza today at Club Stewart, hosted by the Exceptional Family Member Program and the New Parent Support Program. This event will bring together agencies that provide services to address specific disability-related needs. Participating agencies include Babies Can't Wait, Easter Seals of Southern Georgia, Social Security Administration, Georgia Council for the Hearing Impaired, Right From the Start Medicaid, Georgia Department of Labor, Child Youth & School Services and many more. Stop in between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to visit with agency representatives to discuss your child's specific needs. For more information, call ACS-Stewart at 767-5058/5059.

Don't let emotions control you

Come to a full-day workshop and learn healthy techniques for coping with life's many stressors, positive ways to react to an angry person, healthy outlets for releasing angry emotions and information on the many community resources available to help when stress, anger, or conflict disrupt your home or work life. To register, call 315-6816 for tomorrow's workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hunter.

Training prepares Key Callers

Family Readiness Group Key Callers are invited to attend a "Brown Bag Lunch" training from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at ACS-Hunter, Saturday. Presentation topics include an overview of the Key Caller's duties, communicating with Family Members, dispelling rumors, handling crisis calls, and how the Key Caller fits into a successful FRG. Space is limited, so call 315-6816 to reserve your seat. Please bring your own lunch.

Meet other spouses for support

Our Foreign-Born Spouse Network provides an opportunity for members from various cultures to share resources, discuss the American way of life and develop friendships. Spouses are invited to meet at ACS-Hunter on May 18 or at Stewart's relocation office on May 20, both beginning at 11 a.m. Bring a dish to share, if you can.

Another spouse support group is Hearts Apart, open to any spouse whose loved one is away, whether in training for more than two weeks, on assignment far from home, or deployed. Come chat with others who are also experiencing their Soldier's absence. Hearts Apart meets at 11 a.m., May 20 at Stewart's relocation office located in building 443.

Take steps to get rid of clutter

Are you living in CHAOS (Can't Have Anyone Over Syndrome)? Does your home/life have you feeling over-

whelmed, and you don't know where to start? You are not alone! Join the FlyBabies Support Network and learn the baby steps toward getting rid of clutter and keeping your home clean. Based on the popular FlyLady system developed by author Marla Cilley who coined the term "FLY," an acronym for Finally Loving Yourself, this group will meet regularly if enough participants are interested.

The first session meets at 6 p.m. at ACS-Stewart, May 21. Please call ACS-Stewart at 767-5058, and let us know you will be coming.

Newcomers briefings available

Spouses are encouraged to attend the comprehensive newcomer's orientation offered at Fort Stewart each Tuesday and Thursday. Presented by the Army Community Service Outreach Program, the orientation provides an overview of the many agencies, events, and programs available to help with your transition to the area – and offers an opportunity to meet other new Families and servicemembers. The Outreach staff can also assist with any issue or concern you may have as a newcomer.

To register for the newcomer orientation, please call ACS Outreach at 767-2467. Also ask about child care.

Classes help with job placement

Your Employment Readiness team offers free workshops to help you succeed in your job search. Sign up now for Job Hunting 101, May 27 at Stewart and May 28 at Hunter. The class covers various topics in the job search process including resume writing, interviewing, networking, and dressing for success. Call your local ACS to reserve your seat. Also request a personal employment counseling session and let us help you prepare to find the job you want.

Parenting classes can help

Parents are invited to participate in free classes designed to help you better meet the challenges of raising children.

Baby Bootcamp for Dads is an interactive class for men who are expecting a baby or have children up to age two. Dads are invited to challenge the stereotype, enhance your nurturing side, network with other fathers, and build confidence in your ability to parent your baby. Participants will receive a free book, "Be Prepared: A Practical Handbook for New Dads." Call 767-5058/5059 for the 4-6 p.m. class at Stewart, today.

Positive Parenting covers numerous topics in a two-hour session from 9-11 a.m., May 20. Topics include parents as role models, how to speak so children will listen, rules in your home, alternative discipline techniques, and more. Call 767-5058/5059 to register. Also ask about child care.

Support groups for parents with children ages 0 to 36 months focus on a variety of topics determined by individual and groups needs. Stop by to share your parenting concerns and experiences, 2-4 p.m. at ACS-Hunter every Thursday. At Stewart, "Parent Power Hour" meets 5-6 p.m., May 29. Call your local ACS for more information. Also ask about a home visit by one of our experienced professionals who can answer your important parenting concerns in the privacy of your own home.

Budgeting class offered

If you're thinking about having a baby, have one on the way or already have an infant, attend Budgeting for Baby and learn how to financially plan for the future. We will discuss living on one income, child care expenses, saving for college, and life insurance, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Stewart, May 20.

More classes are available to help with your personal banking skills, such as Bank Account Management which teaches you how to balance your account and reconcile with the bank. Discussion includes debt management, credit and credit reporting to help you take control of your finances, 9-11:30 a.m. at Hunter, May 19 or 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Stewart, May 27. Hunter also offers Money Management covering a wide variety of personal finance topics, 9-11:30 a.m., May 21.

Call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter to register for finance classes.

Moving to Alaska or Hawaii?

Come and learn about your new duty station. You will receive a packet of information pertinent to your new duty station, as well as learn about services that will help make your move a smooth one. Family Members are highly encouraged to attend.

Call to 767-5058/5059 to register for the Overseas Briefing at Fort Stewart on May 19 or 315-6816 for the briefing at Hunter on May 20.

ACS hosts play mornings

Parents are invited with their children (ages 0 to 36 months) to spend time playing together. Led by an energetic and playful adult from our New Parent Support Program, the play mornings are designed for meeting, sharing, and playing with other military Families in a fun, upbeat atmosphere.

At Stewart, Play Mornings are held each Thursday at the Bryan Village Youth Center. At Hunter, Play Mornings are held each Tuesday at the New Gannam Community Center. The fun begins at 10 a.m. at both locations. Come on down and see what all the fun is about!

AER looks to reach goal

Contributions are being accepted now through Friday with a goal of raising \$175,000 to help Soldiers and their Families. Army Emergency Relief provides assistance to Soldiers and Families who need money for a variety of needs including to pay for food, rent and utilities, emergency transportation and vehicle repair, and to cover personal needs if pay is delayed or stolen.

AER is a private nonprofit organization chartered in 1942 to help Soldiers take care of their own.

To make a donation, please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart, or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Families can 'Chill and Chat'

If you sometimes feel overwhelmed, stressed out, or sad, come to "Chill and Chat" to unload your concerns. Hosted by the Military and Family Life Consultants 9 a.m. every Monday at ACS-Hunter, Chill and Chat offers an opportunity to discuss deployment or any other concerns with a knowledgeable professional. Please call 315-6816 and let us know you will be coming.

Military and Family Life Consultants are also available to provide free and confidential support when you are having difficulty coping with issues related to daily life.

At Hunter, appointments can be made by calling 655-8327. Appointments at Stewart can be made by calling 432-1033, 492-6428, 432-0013, 536-7854, 432-1798, or 492-6367.

If you prefer to meet with a counselor off-post, please call 492-6367 at Stewart or 704-9505 at Hunter to schedule an appointment.

Off-post sessions are available at these local community locations: Richmond Hill Library, Glennville Welcome Center, Pembroke Senior Center, and Hinesville National Guard.

Garrison headquarters named for famous scout

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The American Revolutionary War gave us many heroes, among them George Washington, Francis “Swamp Fox” Marion, Nathaniel Greene, Daniel Morgan and Nathan Hale. Another lesser known hero of the American Revolution is Robert Sallette, the local hero for whom Fort Stewart’s U.S. Army Garrison headquarters, building 624, is named.

A tarnished bronze plaque near the main entrance dedicates the building to Sallette, only his named is spelled differently from the few historical documents that mention him. Below his name are the supposed dates he was born and died, 1754 and 1793 in Midway, Ga.

A question mark is inserted next to each date, indicating the uncertainty about him. Georgia author, journalist and folklorist Joel Chandler Harris commented on Sallette’s anonymity in his book, “Stories from American History: Georgia.”

“He seems to have slipped mysteriously on the scene at the beginning of the war,” Harris said of Sallette. “He fought bravely, even fiercely, to the end, and then, having nothing else to do, slipped away as mysteriously as he came...Yet it is known that he played a more important part in the struggle in the Colony than any man who had no troops at his

command.”

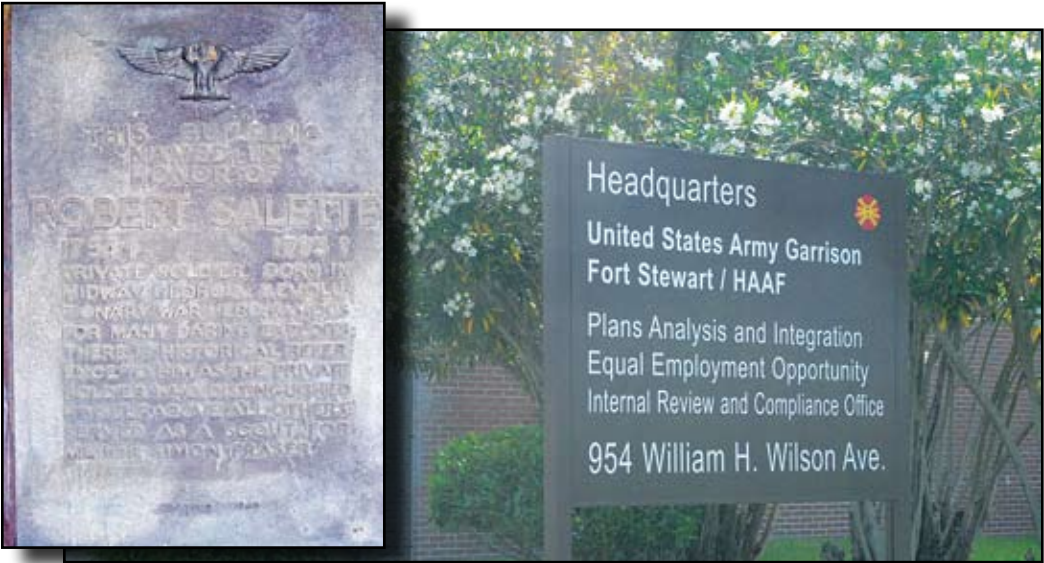
The plaque notes Sallette as a “Private Soldier” who distinguished himself during the Revolutionary War with “many daring exploits” as a “scout for Major Frazer.” There is a certain amount of ambivalence in the description of Sallette as a “private Soldier” in that he apparently was not an officer or noncommissioned officer, but he wasn’t a private, either.

According to historian Sophie Lee Foster, Sallette really didn’t serve under this Maj. Frazer, so much as he served with him and another no-first-name officer, Maj. Baker, who defeated a number of Tories near Sunbury, a battle in which Sallette is specifically mentioned as killing the Tory leader with his saber.

Sallette is also noted as a contemporary of another local Revolutionary War leader, Andrew Walthour, for whom the nearby town of Walthourville is named.

“Sallette was a roving character, belonging to no particular command,” said Foster. “He fought valiantly and zealously but always in his own peculiar way and style. He didn’t seem to especially value his own life and never the life of his foe.”

Walter Meeks, Fort Stewart’s museum curator, and a historian, said Sallette is mentioned in a few paragraphs of Robert Long Groover’s book, “Sweet Land of



Photos by Randy Murray

Fort Stewart’s U.S. Army Garrison headquarters, building 624, is named for (inset) local Revolutionary War hero Robert Sallette. Sallette was a scout who developed a fierce reputation fighting Tories in Liberty County, Ga.

Liberty: A History of Liberty County, Georgia.” He agrees with the brief biographical information offered by Harris and Foster, including evidence that Sallette was probably Acadian, a people who suffered greatly at the hands of the British in Canada.

This fact would explain Sallette's extreme hatred for the British and those that supported them, particularly the Tories.

Meeks emphasized that few Americans realize the ferocity with which the American Revolutionary War was fought in the Southern states, particularly here in Liberty County.

Sallette, by the way, is buried in Midway’s famous cemetery, where Brigadier General Daniel Stewart and Brigadier General James Screven are also buried.

In the coming weeks, the Frontline will highlight other local historic figures buried in local cemeteries on and off post and for whom Fort Stewart buildings and nearby towns are named.

Red Cross Summer Youth Program

The Fort Stewart Red Cross is looking for energetic youth to volunteer this summer. The program runs from June 1 through the end of July with various locations and events.

Orientations are mandatory and are available on the following dates:

May 19, 5 p.m.:
Soldier Center, Room 2074

May 27, 5 p.m.:
Winn ACH, Patriot Auditorium

June 4, 9 a.m.:
Winn ACH, Patriot Auditorium

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If you are interested in volunteering or know someone who is, please contact Susan Westbrook at 912-767-4750.